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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the report of the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1971

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WARE URBAN DISTRICT

Annual Report on the Health of the District for the Year 1971

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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTS

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1971

WARE URBAN DISTRICT

PREFACE

To the Chairman and Councillors, Ware Urban District.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the health of Ware Urban District for the year ending 31st December, 1971.

During this year, there were a few justified complaints of smell from the tip in Gentlemen's Field, particularly during the hot summer months. In general, the tip conditions were infinitely better than in the previous year.

I hope that I have been observant, and hope I am not being complacent. The fact remains, that from a Public Health point of view in Ware Urban District, we have had a good year. No major unusual problems have occurred and routine work has proceeded very satisfactorily.

I wish to thank Mr. Todd and his staff for their help and advice.

It always strikes me that the questions raised by members of the Public Health Committee, are relevant and pertinent. I have looked on these as valuable meetings from my point of view. I am grateful to the Committee and their Chairman for the interest shown in matters relating to Public Health, and to the Chief Officers for their help and assistance.

I am Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J.V. EARLE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - STAFF

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Haileybury and Imperial Service College, Hertford.
Hoddesdon: 62040

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Senior Public Health Inspector - W.G. TODD

Associate Senior Public Health Inspector - C.J. LUCAS
(for the period 1.1.1971 - 21.6.1971)

Additional Public Health Inspector

1.4.1971 - 15.7.1971. - G.D. JONES

2.8.1971 - 31.12.1971. - A. HUTCHISON

Meat Inspector - W.H. LUCK

Clerk/Typist

1.1.1971 - 31.7.1971 - MRS. C.W. BROWN

26.7.1971 - 31.12.1971 - MRS. I.T.J. SMITH

Public Health Department:

Council Offices,
The Priory,
Ware, Herts.

Telephone: Ware: 2425

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Health, Environment and Works Committee for the session 1971/72 was Councillor J. Simpson.

Also on the Committee, were the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council (Councillors C.T. Weller-Lewis and H.G. Hurn respectively), and Councillors Mrs. E.K. Barker, F.H. Beazley, C.W. Bowsher, B.R. Parker and L.G. Williams.

SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS 1971

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1970 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population for Ware Urban District

14,670		(14,400)		
Natural increase or decrease	...	...	+	39
Migration in or out	...	...	+	231
Total increase or decrease	...	...	+	270

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	...	...	+	1,385.38

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Book

4,702	(4,679)		
Number of Houses per acre	...	...	3.39
Number of persons per acre	...	...	10.59
Number of persons per house	...	...	3.12
Rateable Value of District	...	...	£ 913,066
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	£ 9,040.

VITAL STATISTICS

(Table 2)

		Local authority area			England and Wales
		Males	Females	Total	(Total)
Estimated mid-year home population		-	-	14,670	48,815,000
Live Births	Total	118	116	234	783,165
	Legitimate	115	113	228	717,491
	Illegitimate	3	3	6	65,674
Stillbirths	Total	1	-	1	9,898
	Legitimate	1	-	1	8,826
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,072
Total live and still births	Total	119	116	235	793,063
	Legitimate	116	113	229	726,317
	Illegitimate	3	3	6	66,746
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age					
	Total	-	1	1	13,726
	Legitimate	-	1	1	12,140
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	1,586
under 4 weeks of age					
	Total	-	-	-	9,113
	Legitimate	-	-	-	8,121
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	992
under 1 week of age					
	Total	-	-	-	7,750
	Legitimate	-	-	-	6,903
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	847
Deaths - all ages		76	119	195	567,345

VITAL STATISTICS

(Table 2)
continued

WARE URBAN DISTRICT

	Local authority area	Hertford County	England and Wales
Live Birth rates, etc.			
Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	16.0	15.1	16.0
Area comparability factor	.95	0.94	1.00
Local adjusted rate	15.2	14.2	16.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.95	-	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	3	5.9	8
Stillbirth rate			
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	4	9.9	12
Infant mortality rates			
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	4	15.1	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	4	14.6	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	24.2	24
Neonatal mortality rate			
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	-	10.8	12
Early neonatal mortality rate			
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	-	8.6	10
Perinatal mortality rate			
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	4	18.3	22
Maternal mortality (including abortion)			
Number of deaths	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	-	0.2	-
Deaths rates, etc. - all ages			
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	13. 3	9.0	11.6
Area comparability factor	.64	1.13	1.00
Local adjusted rate	8.5	10.2	11.6
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.73		1.00

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TABLE 3

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1971

Heading		M.	F.
	ALL CAUSES	76	119
B19(2)	Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	-	3
B19(3)	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	2
B19(4)	Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	3
B19(6)	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	-
B19(7)	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5
B19(9)	Malignant neoplasm, prostate	2	-
B19(11)	Other malignant neoplasms	2	8
B21	Diabetes mellitus	-	2
B4	Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	1
B46(1)	Other endocrine etc. diseases	1	-
B23	Anaemias	-	1
B46(5)	Other disease of nervous system	-	2
B26	Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	4
B27	Hypertensive disease	1	2
B28	Ischaemic heart disease	14	18
B29	Other forms of heart disease	3	7
B30	Cerebrovascular disease	24	32
B46(6)	Other diseases of circulatory system	3	7
B32	Pneumonia	6	5
B33(1)	Bronchitis and emphysema	6	3
B46(7)	Other diseases of respiratory system	3	6
B46(9)	Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	2
B42	Congenital anomalies	-	1
B45	Symptoms and ill defined conditions	1	3
B46(3)	Mental disorders	-	1
BE48	All other accidents	1	1
BE49	Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	-

TABLE 4

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year

		Age Group in Years						
Disease	Total	Under 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	Over 65	Age not known
Measles	33	-	14	18	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Incidence of Reported Infectious Disease by Months

Measles -	June	8
	July	11
	August	12
	September	1
	October	1
Scarlet Fever -	June	1

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified.

TABLE 4 (continued)

Tuberculosis Notifications during 1971.

The year commenced with 55 names upon the Register as follows:-

Males :	Pulmonary	22	Non-Pulmonary	3
Females :	Pulmonary	24	Non-Pulmonary	6

During the year, three male pulmonary and one female pulmonary cases were notified.

One female non-pulmonary case recovered, and one male pulmonary case died.

At the end of 1971, the following cases remained upon the register:-

Males :	Pulmonary	24	Non-Pulmonary	3
Females :	Pulmonary	25	Non-Pulmonary	5

Total :- 57 cases.

GENERAL STATISTICS

The population has increased to a mid-year estimate of 14,670. This is due to a natural increase of 39 and an inward migration of 231 people. Inevitably, there is a slight increase in density of houses (now 3.39) per acre, and persons per acre (now 10.59).

The number of persons per house is 3.12.

There is no evidence of overcrowding.

VITAL STATISTICS

The number of live births continues to fall.

During 1971, 234 children were born alive, 228 were legitimate. There was one stillbirth.

Deaths under one year. Only one occurred due to an acute virus infection of the lungs.

There were no maternal deaths.

Deaths at all ages: 195. As always the pattern of deaths is dissimilar to the National pattern, since Western House contributes a relatively large number of deaths in older people.

CAUSES OF DEATH

There were five deaths due to cancer of the lung. Two of these occurred in men under 65.

These are small figures, but they do represent the local contribution to a major National tragedy.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Virtually no communicable disease was reported during the year, with the exception of 33 children who were reported as suffering from measles and one from scarlet fever.

This happy state of affairs does not occur by good fortune, or as a general result of living in a developed Country. Communicable disease may be carried by food, water, rats and human beings. Careful control by the Public Health Inspectorate has played a major part in the reduction of the first three causes of communicable disease.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 - 1951

No action was required under these Acts during 1971.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANTS

There are only very few immigrants in this area. Arrangements are satisfactory.

BUILDING

During the year, the Council built no houses; 12 were built by private enterprise.

SPECIAL REPORTS

During the year, I made a special report on hypothermia, suicide and mass-miniature radiography service.

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR WARE

LABORATORY SERVICES

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge.

In emergency, medical specimens may be examined at the Laboratory of the County Hospital, Hertford.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES

The following County Council Services under the National Health Service Acts, 1946 - 1957 are available for Ware. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres

Health Centre, Bowling Road, Ware.		Telephone: Ware: 2388.
Number of Nurses	-	5
Number of Clinic Nurses	-	2 part-time.
Number of Health Visitors	-	3 full-time and 2 part-time.

The following clinics are held at the Welfare Centre:-

Speech Therapy	Thursday.
Infant Welfare	Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.
Dental Clinic	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, A.M. and P.M.
Ante and Post Natal Clinics	
Drs. Moore and Sedgewick	Friday P.M.
Relaxation Class	Wednesday P.M. (by appointment)
Immunisation	4th Tuesday in month 10-12 A.M.
Family Planning	Monday 7 - 8.00 P.M. Thursday 7 - 8.30 P.M. Second and fourth Wednesday in each month A.M.
General Clinic	Second Monday 10.00 A.M.
Audiometry	First Friday in month A.M.

Family Planning

This service, which was started in Ware as long ago as 1964 grows more and more popular. In 1971 there were 385 new patients and the total number of visits amounted to 2168.

Immunisation and Vaccination

All parents are advised to take advantage of this service, which can be obtained from their family doctors or at Infant Welfare Centres.

Approx. Age	Vaccine
6 months	COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
8 months	COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
13 months	COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
15 months	MEASLES
School entry School entry	POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL) COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus
13 years	B.C.G. Vaccination against TUBERCULOSIS.

This is NOT a rigid time-table. Many Doctors hold slightly differing views, and prematurity or ill-health in a child may mean the schedule has to be altered to meet individual needs.

During 1971, the Department of Health and Social Security recommended that routine vaccination of infants should cease. Children can still be vaccinated on the request of their Parents.

Social Services

With the coming into force of the Local Authority Social Services Act, on the 1st April, 1971, statutory responsibility for providing services and social work help to the physically handicapped, the elderly, the mentally handicapped and the mentally ill, as well as the responsibility for the child care and family case work services, passed to the newly formed Social Services Department.

Referrals

a) Monday - Friday. 9 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. There is usually a Social Worker on duty throughout normal office hours, at both the Divisional Office and at the Area Offices to answer queries, accept new referrals etc. In addition, there is always a warranted Mental Welfare Officer on call for the whole Division and contact may be made with him through the Divisional Office (Hertford 7041).

b) Out of normal office hours and at weekends, the warranted Mental Welfare Officer may be contacted through Ambulance Control (Hertford: 2222). All other requests for help in emergency situations out of office hours, such as those arising in connection with children and young persons, should also be directed to the warranted Mental Welfare Officer, through Ambulance Control and he will put the caller in touch with a more appropriate Social Worker if necessary.

All applications for aids and adaptations to properties occupied by physically handicapped people, all applications for telephones and televisions under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons' Act, 1970, and enquires connected with Blind Welfare should be made to the Divisional Office - all other requests for help should be made to the Senior Social Worker for the area concerned.

Divisional Social Services Officer Miss M. Copleston	Westfield, West Street, Hertford. Tel: Hertford: 7041.
Assistant Divisional Social Services Officer	
Mr. H.W. Scott	"
Social Workers	
Mrs. F. Ledson, Occupational Therapist.	"
Miss P. Watson, Handicraft Teacher.	"
Mrs. J.M. Sutterby.	"
Mr. D. Evans.	"
Miss D. Taylor.	"
Senior Social Worker Miss J. Kenyon-Rogers	Social Services Department, 1, Queens Road, Hertford. Tel: Hertford: 2294 & 2295.
Social Workers	
Mr. G. Evans	"
Miss A. Livingstone	"
Mrs. P. Page	"
Mrs. J. Wheatley - mornings only	"

THE HOME HELP SERVICE

This service continues to operate as under:-

Hoddesdon Urban District, Ware Urban and Ware Rural District

Mrs. Castle, Home Help Organiser Mrs. Woolf, Assistant Home Help Organiser. Mrs. Carless - Clerk.	Old Health Centre, High Street, Hoddesdon. Tel: Hoddesdon: 67080. Hours: 8.30-1; 2-5 p.m.

Care and After Care

Applications for recuperative holidays, if recommended by the Medical Attendant, should be made to the County Medical Officer.

Equipment such as mackintosh sheets, crutches and wheel chairs can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home and a weekly charge is made according to the financial circumstances of the patient.

Ambulance Service

An ambulance station adjoins the Priory Grounds. Except in emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

The Mentally Handicapped

The Adult Training Centre was transferred to Pindar Road, Hoddesdon during 1971.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Ware is served chiefly by the Hertford County Hospital, Hertford, but patients may also be treated at the Herts and Essex Hospital, Bishop's Stortford and the Queen Elizabeth 11 Hospital, Welwyn Garden City.

Chronic sick can receive treatment at Western House Hospital, Collett Road, Ware. The number of beds available is:- 69 for females, of which 47 are for psychogeriatric patients, 22 for males.

There are 190 beds in the Part 111 accommodation (93 male and 97 female).

Patients suffering from infectious diseases can be treated either at St. Ann's Hospital Winchmore Hill, London, N.21, (formerly South Lodge Hospital, World's End Lane, London, N.21). (Tel: 01360-8151).

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL SERVICES

Ware District is served by six General Practitioners, five of whom work in partnerships. To two practices are attached Health Visitors, a scheme which has been in operation since 1967. These attachments are proving very successful.

DENTAL SERVICES

There are two Dental Surgeons in Ware.

OTHER SERVICES

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions are held at The Priory.

There is a very active Old People's Welfare Service in Ware.

The W.R.V.S. has an office at 48B High Street, Ware.

SECTION C

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector

The Priory,
Ware, Herts.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Ware Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my second annual report.

The many functions of the Department have been carried out smoothly during the year despite a number of staff problems. Mr. Lucas ultimately left the Department on the 21st June, 1971 after Mr. Jones had been appointed to the post of additional Public Health Inspector, but after 3½ months, Mr. Jones left Council's service to return north. Mr. A. Hutchison, formerly employed by the Morpeth Borough Council, accepted the appointment and commenced duty on the 2nd August, 1971. Mr. Luck, the Meat Inspector, returned to duty on the 1st February, 1971 after a major operation which had resulted in an absence of almost 4 months. Mrs. Brown, clerk/typist, resigned in July, 1971 and was replaced by Mrs. I.T.J. Smith.

I would like to thank all members of the staff of the department for their loyal and conscientious support throughout the year, and also the officers of all other departments for their co-operation and assistance in matters of common interest. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation of the interest which the Chairman and Members of Council have continued to show in all aspects of the work carried out by this Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W.G. TODD
Senior Public Health Inspector.

STATISTICAL RECORDS

1971

SUMMARY OF VISITS			TOTAL
Public Health Act, 1936			
Sec.	24	Cleansing and maintenance of sewers	14
"	39	Drainage of existing buildings	66
"	48	Examination and testing of drains (as amended by Sec 16 P.H.A. 1961)	4
"	83/4	Cleansing filthy or verminous premises and articles (flies 13, Crickets 1, Bed-bugs 2, Cockroaches 1, Others 5)	22
"	87	Public Sanitary Conveniences	11
"	89	Sanitary Conveniences at inns, refreshment houses etc.	37
"	92	Statutory nuisances	
		(a) Premises in such a state etc.	31
		(b) Animals kept in such place or manner	4
		(c) Any accummlation or deposit	40
		(d) Any dust or effluvia caused by trade, business, manufacture or process, being prejudicial to health or a nuisance	19
"	144	Infectious disease enquiries	11
"	259	Nuisances in connection with watercourses, ditches and ponds etc.	1
Public Health Act, 1961			
Sec.	17	Summary Power to clear blocked drains	2
"		Miscellaneous visits etc.	32
Clean Air Act, 1956			
Sec.	1	Smoke observations	
		(a) satisfactory readings	7
		(b) contraventions	Nil
"	3	Installation of furnaces	
		(a) notifications received	1
		(b) applications for prior approval	1
		(c) no. of applications granted	1
"	16	Nuisance from smoke, bonfires etc.	37
"	30	Occupiers notified of offences	6
Clean Air Act, 1968			
Sec.	1	Emission of dark smoke from industrial or trade premises	9
"	6	Chimney Heights	
		(a) No. of plans submitted showing new chimney heights	1
		(b) No. of plans approved	1
		(c) Visits to premises	1
			359

			TOTAL
		B/F	359
Water Act, 1945			
Sec.	28	Duty of local authority with respect to water supplies (sampling)	15
"		Visits in connection with well supply	3
National Health Service Act, 1946			
		Long stay immigrants	2
Noise Abatement Act, 1960			
Sec.	1	Noise or vibration nuisance	
		(a) at industrial premises	2
		(b) at private dwellings	5
		Sound level readings taken	8
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960			
Sec.	1	Prohibition of use of land as an unlicensed caravan site	2
Building Plans			
		No. of plans examined	24
		No. of plans approved	18
Pet Animals Act, 1951			
		No. of premises inspected	3
		No. of licences granted	1
Housing Act, 1957			
Sec.	9	Repair of unfit houses (See Section 92 (a) P.H.A. 1936)	14
"	16	Unfit houses not repairable at reasonable cost	3
"	17	Unfit houses to be demolished or closed	3
"	86	Particulars of overcrowding	1
"	159	Notice for purposes of survey	
		(a) informal	2
		(b) formal	1
Housing Act, 1969			
Sec.	28	Inspection of houses for improvement - Preliminary surveys	76
"	44	Inspection prior to issue of qualification certificate	55
		Detailed surveys	11
"	3	Inspection re improvement grants	36
"	9	Inspection re standard grants	51
		Final inspections before payment of grant	18
			713

			TOTAL
		B/F	713
Food and Drugs Act, 1955			
Sec.	2	General protection for purchasers of food and drugs (i.e. not of the nature, substance or quality demanded)	5
"	9	Examination and surrender of unfit food (excluding slaughterhouse)	25
"	9	Examination of food exposed for sale	12
"	13	Regulations made thereunder	
		(a) the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963	99
		(b) the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970	
		(i) Food, food premises and personnel thereat	237
		(ii) Meat transport	7
		(c) the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966	77
		(d) the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1959-63	
		(a) ice-crean samples taken	6
		(b) refrigeration plant checked	14
"	16	Registration of premises for	
		(a) ice-crean	4
		(b) boiled ham	2
		(c) fried fish and preservation	1
		(d) enquiries	23
"	26/27	Enquiries and faecal specimens	4
"	29	Milk and Daires (General) Regulations, 1959	4
"		Stacking crates on highway	2
"	63	Applications for renewal of slaughterhouse licence subject to compliance with the construction regulations of the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958 as required by Section 1 of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958	3
		The Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958-1966	46
		The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty Regulations 1958)	11
		The Meat (Sterilisation) Regulations 1969	4
Imported Food Regulations, 1968			
		Sealed containers examined	20
Factories Act, 1961			
Sec.	7	Sanitary Conveniences	
		(a) factories with mechanical power	20
		(b) factories without mechanical power	1
"	133	Outworkers	4
	1,2, 3,4, & 6	Factories without mechanical power	11
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963			
		Full detailed inspections	
		(a) offices	16
		(b) Retail shops	24
			1395

		TOTAL
	B/F	1395
(c) wholesale shops, warehouses		3
(d) catering establishments, canteens		5
General inspections		
(a) offices		33
(b) retail shops		76
(c) wholesale shops, warehouses		5
(d) catering establishments, canteens		23
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949		
Sec. 2 Duty of local authority - sub-section (a) Inspection of district		17
Miscellaneous		
Game dealers Licences		3
Employment Agencies		4
	TOTAL	1564

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

General - 313

Rats & Mice - 142

WATER SUPPLY

The larger part of the district is supplied by the Lee Valley Water Company, who reported that no new capital works were completed or under construction during the year 1970/71. The Company submitted reports on 152 bacteriological and 5 chemical samples, all of which were found to conform to the standards of purity considered suitable for a public supply.

The water consumption for the year ending March, 1971, was 1237.5 megalitres, compared with 266.4 million gallons in the previous year. There are 4,791 houses with a population of 14,598 persons in the urban area, receiving internal water supplies from the Company's mains. All supplies are chlorinated and the fluoride content is less than 0.2 milligrammes per litre.

The Metropolitan Water Board continued to supply 23 domestic premises with an estimated population of 72 people, and two schools in the Hoe Lane area. This supply was derived from the well water from the Rye Common pumping station, and the 248 bacteriological and 5 chemical samples taken all proved to be satisfactory. The natural fluoride content was 0.25 milligrammes per litre and no artificial fluoride was added.

Five cottages in isolated parts of the district are still supplied with domestic water from wells. Regular six-monthly samples have been submitted for bacteriological examination from each of these three wells. The sample from one well showed coliform bacilli to be present: the storage tank in the roof was replaced and the complete reticulation renewed before a satisfactory result was obtained and maintained.

The water supply throughout the district has been satisfactory in quantity, and with the exception mentioned in the previous paragraph, also in quality during the year. There are no dwelling houses in the area supplied from public water mains by means of standpipes.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No significant works were carried out to the sewers during the year.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

No common lodging houses are registered within the district.

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

There are no houses in multiple occupation within the district.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1936 and 1961

Sewers, Drains and Sanitary Conveniences

The department dealt with an average number of blocked sewers and drains during the year, and in four cases where defects were suspected, smoke tests were applied. All works were carried out informally.

The sewer in West Street was blocked on a number of occasions and this resulted in sewage gaining access to the basements of two shops on High Street. The defects permitting the escape of sewage were traced and rectified.

Filthy or Verminous Premises and Articles

(a) FLIES Once again, the number of complaints received from the residents in the Richmond Close and Westmill Road area was minimal. The two nearby refuse tips were kept under constant supervision, and no specific instances of fly-breeding were traced to either tip. The piggeries were well maintained.

(b) BED-BUGS Two further cases of bed-bugs were reported during the year and treatment was carried out by Council.

(c) WASPS The number of wasp nests treated by the Department was higher than average for the year.

NUISANCES

The nuisance caused by spillage from vehicles transporting refuse from London to the Gentlemen's Field tip (as reported at length in my report for 1970) continued to be a source of complaint during the early part of 1971. Towards the middle of the year, only purpose-built bulk container vehicles were used for this work, and after action had been taken to ensure that all vehicles were covered by a tarpaulin or net, no further complaints were received. During the warm summer months, a number of complaints were received of odour from the tip: the tip has been very well maintained however, with a substantial cover of soil, and these complaints were generally of very short duration.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

There was a marked decrease in the number of complaints received about noise, especially from industrial premises. Complaints were received from residents in Anwell End, when discotheques were being held in the Drill Hall. A series of noise level readings were taken, but no level was obtained in excess of the criterion value for that area. The promotor of these dances was most willing to ensure that no offence was being committed and no nuisance being created to local residents. However, a close check will be kept on these events, especially during the summer months when windows and doors are kept open to improve ventilation in the Drill Hall.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956 and 1968

An unusually high number of complaints were received of smoke nuisances caused by bonfires, but as we have now come to expect, not one complainant was prepared to go to court to give evidence that as an inhabitant of the neighbourhood, the smoke was a nuisance.

In the industrial field a far greater problem has been encountered where a Dutch Oven has been replaced by a Cochran Vertical Boiler. The Dutch Oven was used to dispose of sawdust and other wood waste from a furniture factory, and when operated correctly, caused no nuisance. Great difficulty is being experienced in burning this type of fuel in the Cochran boiler without creating smoke, and although several modifications had been made, the problem had not been satisfactorily resolved at the end of the year,

HOUSING

Grants It is most encouraging to receive numerous enquiries regarding grants under the Housing Act, 1969, but somewhat disappointing when only a substantially reduced number ultimately make firm applications for grants.

(a) Standard Grants - 16 applications were received of which 13 were approved, one withdrawn and two still awaiting estimates at the end of the year.

(b) Discretionary Grants - 8 applications were received of which 7 were approved and one refused.

Qualification Certificates

Eighteen applications were received under Section 44(1), Housing Act, 1969 for qualification certificates. Allowing for four applications which were still under consideration at the end of 1970, thirteen applications were approved, six refused and the remaining three applications awaiting to be dealt with at the end of the year. Seven applications were received for provisional qualification certificates and two applications were outstanding at the end of December, 1970. All nine applications were approved.

Demolition

The following works were completed during the year:-

10 and 11, Collett Road - demolition orders were made on these properties on 2nd October, 1970. Both dwellings were demolished in May, 1971 and the site left clear.

1 and 3, Raynsford Road - a demolition order was made on No. 1 on 2nd October, 1970 and agreement reached with the owner of No. 3, to demolish that building simultaneously. Both dwellings were demolished in September, 1971 and the site has been redeveloped by the construction of four maisonettes.

5 and 9, Princes Street - these properties which had been purchased by Council were demolished in March, 1971 prior to redevelopment taking place of this area.

30, Baldock Street - demolished by the County Council in February, 1971 to make way for the proposed inner relief road.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Section 2 - General Protection for Purchasers of Food and Drugs

The following complaints were investigated:-

Rusty internal surface of tin of chicken curry and rice - referred to the local authority in whose area the shop at which the tin was purchased was situated.
Fly in loaf of bread.
Mould on cheese (4) *
Blown can of ham.
Mould on cakes (2) *
Mould on bread rolls *
Bottle of lemonade bearing wrong label - referred to County Weights and Measures Department.

All cases were investigated and warning letters were sent to the retailers of the goods marked*. No legal action was taken.

Section 91 - Powers of Sampling

Six samples of ice-cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Cambridge, and all conformed to the provisional Grade 1 standard.

The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958

The Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958 - 1966

The Ware Meat Supplies Ltd. appeal against the Dunmow Rural District Council refusal to give planning consent to the construction of a new slaughterhouse on a site in Essex (just outside the boundary of Bishop's Stortford Urban District Council) had still not been heard at the end of the year. A veterinary officer from the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service, Hertford, continued to make regular monthly inspections of the existing slaughterhouse in Anwell End throughout the year. No adverse reports were received.

The Company has continued to carry out minor improvements - the walls of the bleeding passage were re-surfaced with impervious materials - and rather unusually, no complaints were received about either noise or smell. In my opinion, this is most gratifying in view of the many difficulties which exist and make it most difficult to carry on this type of business from such ill-designed premises.

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963 - 1966

Once again, there were decreases in the numbers of cattle and sheep killed and inspected, but the number of pigs continued to rise. The weight of pork condemned rose sharply, but the figure of 22,160 lbs included the carcases of 21 pigs which had been severely burned in a farm fire. Once again, there was a further reduction in the number of bovine carcases infested with Cysticercus Bovis.

The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1970

Regular inspections were made of all food shops and good standards were maintained throughout the year.

The Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966

The following prosecutions were taken during the year:-

1. The driver of a vehicle owned by a national firm of meat wholesalers and butchers was prosecuted under -

Regulation 7	-	for not wearing clean and washable neck and head covering whilst handling meat: and
Regulation 9	-	not taking all reasonable steps to protect food from the risk of contamination, (carcases were being taken from the rails and laid on the dirty floor of the vehicle, to facilitate off-loading.)

The driver pleaded guilty on the first charge and was fined £20: he pleaded not guilty to the second charge, and much to my surprise, the magistrates dismissed the summons.

2. A firm of ice-cream salesman, and the driver, were prosecuted in respect of contraventions of six regulations of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966. Prior to the hearing, Council's solicitors received assurances from the Defendants that they would plead guilty to all charges, with the exception of the one under Regulation 16(3) (lack of soap, nail brushes and clean towels in the van), which the driver contested. After consultation with the Chairman of the Health Committee, the Council's solicitor was authorised to withdraw this charge, thereby making it unnecessary to bring Mr. G.D. Jones (the former Additional Public Health Inspector) from Cheshire as a witness. At the hearing however, the Defendants disputed the summons under Regulation 18 (lack of sink in the vehicle for the washing of equipment). Rather than have the case adjourned and require Mr. Jones to come down from Cheshire, the Council's solicitor withdrew the summons under this Regulation, leaving the four charges against which pleas of guilty had been entered, to be dealt with.

   In the result, the Bench gave the Company and the driver an absolute discharge on all summonses, but ordered them to pay full costs.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the District.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

There were slight decreases in the number of non-agricultural properties found to be infested with rats and mice following notification as compared with 1970. There were also substantial decreases in infestations in properties inspected for reasons other than notification.

Once again, a number of sewer manholes were baited with Sodium Fluoroacetamide, and evidence points to the sewers being comparatively rat-free.

A new contract was secured with a large industrial concern, for Council to undertake rodent control on their factory premises, and negotiations were well in hand with a number of other companies for rodent control contracts to be drawn up.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are no registered sites within the district. One caravan was illegally parked for a number of months on land belonging to a large manufacturing company, but later moved on, and no statutory action was taken.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Twenty-four premises were registered for the first time during the year, made up as follows:- 8 offices, 10 retail shops, 2 warehouses and 4 catering establishments open to the public. The total number of registered premises was nine more than the previous year.

All newly registered premises were inspected shortly after registration, and one third of the registered premises received a general inspection during the year. A number of minor contraventions were found, (mainly the first-aid facilities not being fully to the required standard): generally the standards were found to be good, and no legal proceedings were taken.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Annual Report for the period 1st January, 1971 to 31st December, 1971

The Act requires that the Local Authority shall submit an Annual Report to the Ministry of Labour every year. The report for the year 1971 is given below:-

Class of premises	Registrations and General Inspections		
	Number of premises registered during year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving general inspections during the year
Offices	8	41	16
Retail Shops	10	93	24
Wholesale Shops	2	10	3
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	4	14	5
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
Totals:	24	158	48

Total numbers of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises - 185

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	220
Retail shops	443
Wholesale Departments, warehouses	173
Catering establishments open to public	46
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	-
Total: Males-428 Total: Females - 454	TOTAL 882

ANALYSIS OF UNFIT HOUSES

Clearance Areas

Area No.	Address	Date Declared	Occupation
30	2, Church Street	25.11.57	Vacant
	3, Church Street	"	"
	4, Church Street	"	"
	5, Church Street	"	"

No. of houses (4)

Demolition Orders Made

Address	Date	Occupation
10, Collett Road	2.10.1970	Demolished - May, 1971.
11, Collett Road	"	Demolished - May, 1971.
3, Raynsford Road	"	Demolished - September, 1971

No. of houses (3)

Closing Orders Made

32, Crib Street	7.9.1955	Vacant
15, West Street	"	Storage only
16, West Street	"	Workshop
110, High Street (first floor flat)	11.1.1971	Storage only

No. of houses (4)

Undertakings not to Relet Accepted

20a Baldock Street	28.1.1963	Occupied
41, Baldock Street	12,7.1971	Vacant
6, Church Street	6.10.1958	School store
22, Church Street	25.3.1957	Vacant
50a Church Street	24.2.1958	Second floor flat - vacant
16/18 Crib Street	26.7.1933	Vacant
22 Crib Street	26.9.1955 H.C.C. Purchased for relief road	Vacant
24, Crib Street	11.2.1970 H.C.C. Purchased for relief road	Vacant
34/36 Crib St (one House)	31.3.1955	Vacant
8, East Street	28.1.1963	Photographic Sales
8a East Street	21.4.1969	Use for storage
20, High Street	2.10.1967	Shop only on ground floor occupied
106/8 High St (one House)	18.11.1953	Wireless repairs
1, Raynsford Road	May, 1970	Demolished - Sept. 1971.
46, Star Street	7.10.1963	Vacant
48, Star Street	24.7.1961	Vacant
1a West Street	24.3.1958	Shop on ground floor and offices on first floor - occupied
2, West Street	30.12.1957	Office use ground floor only - occupied
6, West Street (2 attics only)	10.8.1967	Vacant

Undertakings not to Relet Accepted (cont'd)

17, West Street	19.8.1938	Storage (workshop)

No. of houses (20)

Areas represented by M.O.H. but not declared - 27.7.1959

Address	Occupation
17-18, Church Street (one house)	Vacant
23, Church Street	Vacant
25, Church Street	Occupied
33, Church Street	Occupied
34, Church Street - H.C.C. purchased for relief road	Vacant
35, Church Street	Occupied
36, Church Street - H.C.C. purchased for relief road	Vacant
20, Crib Street	Vacant
26, Crib Street - H.C.C. purchased for relief road	Vacant
28, Crib Street	Vacant
30, Crib Street	Vacant
42, Crib Street	Occupied

N o. of houses (12)

Unfit houses in probable redevelopment area - reported to Council 9.3.1964

5, Princes Street - Council purchased	26.1.67	Demolished - March 1971.
9, Princes Street		Demolished - March 1971

No. of houses (2)

Undertakings accepted to make fit

Address	Date	Occupation
65, Crib Street	1953	Mr. Allen, owner/occupier doing work

No. of houses (1)

Other houses

28, Baldock Street	H.C.C. purchased for relief road	- occupied
30, Baldock Street	" " " " "	Demolished - February, 1971.
25, Crib Street	Feb. 1968 " " " "	- vacant
70, Crib Street	28.5.1968 " " "	- vacant

HOUSING PROGRESS

NEW HOUSING BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	During 1971
New dwellings erected	12
Conversions or adaptions in terms of family units	Nil
BY LOCAL AUTHORITY	
New dwellings erected	Nil
Conversions or adaptions in terms of family units	8
BY OTHER AUTHORITIES	
(County Council, Police etc.)	Nil
TOTAL PROPERTIES CONTROLLED BY THE COUNCIL	
Council Houses	1,562
Temporary prefabricated bungalows	Nil
Sundries (including shops)	19

FOOD PREMISES - FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970.

TYPE OF PREMISE	Number	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 18	No. to which Reg. 21 applies	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 21
Grocers and Provision Merchants	19	19	19	19
Greengrocers	14	14	14	14
Daires and Milk Depots	2	2	2	2
School, and Industrial Canteens	17	17	17	17
Butchers	11	11	11	11
Fishmongers (wet fish)	3	3	3	3
Fried Fish Shops	3	3	3	3
Sweets and Confectionery	13	13	-	-
Chemists	3	3	3	3
Bakehouses	1	1	1	1
Cake Shops	3	3	3	3
Cafes and Restaurants	5	5	5	5
Public Houses	25	25	25	25
Residential Hotels	2	2	2	2
Wine and Spirit Shops	2	2	-	-

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CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed during 1971	606	112	187	1736	32,982	-
Number killed during 1970	948	86	246	1808	32,408	7
Number inspected during 1971	606	112	187	1736	32,982	-
Number inspected during 1970	948	86	246	1808	32,408	7
All diseases except Tuberculosis:						
Whole carcases condemned	1	3	1	33	92*	-
% of the number inspected totally condemned	0.16	2.67	0.53	1.90	0.27	-
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
% of the number inspected totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	6	2	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

* included 21 pigs badly burned in a farm fire.

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CONDEMNATION OF MEAT IN LBS

	Beef	Mutton	Pork	Total
(a) HOME KILLED CARCASE MEAT				
Ware Slaughterhouse	1722	1157	22,160	25,039
Other Food Premises	198	462	47	707
(b) IMPORTED CARCASE MEAT				
Other Food Premises	10	602	Nil	612
(c) EDIBLE OFFAL (excluding tripes)				
Ware Slaughterhouse	3184	755	15,258	19,197
Other Food Premises	30	26	Nil	56

OTHER FOODS

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were surrendered:-

	No. of Containers	Approx Weight in lbs.
Frozen Fruit	22	18
Frozen Vegetables	105	168
Frozen Fish	1106	587
Frozen Pastry	40	38
Frozen Ice-cream and Mousse	296	215
Frozen Savouries	127	33
Frozen Poultry	64	18
English Gammon	1	4
Tinned Meat	31	96
Tinned Vegetables	127	136
Coffee Beans	-	6
Tinned Fish	21	9
Tinned Fruit	155	200
Tinned Custard	8	7
Tinned Milk and Cream	32	10
Tinned Soup	3	2
Tinned Jam and Mincemeat	4	5
Tinned Coffee	13	4
Tinned Butter	45	45
Bottled Cordials	26	7
Fruit Yoghourts	205	77
Fresh Cream	61	19
Cottage Cheese	2	1

Condemnation notes issued:- 39.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

REPORT FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31st DECEMBER, 1971

		TYPE OF PROPERTY	
		NON-AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1.	Number of properties in the district	6088	7
2. (a)	Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	140	2
(b)	Number infested by (i) rats	82	2
	(ii) mice	58	Nil
3. (a)	Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	1211	364
(b)	Number infested by (i) rats	68	5
	(ii) mice	57	3

4.	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	.....	Nil
5.	Number of cases in which default action taken	.....	Nil
6.	Legal Proceedings	.....	Nil
7.	Number of "Block" Control Schemes carried out	.....	Nil

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1971 FOR THE URBAN
DISTRICT OF WARE IN THE COUNTY OF HERTFORDSHIRE

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	11	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	72	25	3	Nil
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	3	Nil	Nil
Total	77	39	3	Nil

. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instigated (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (s.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (s.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temp. (s.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate vent. (s.4)	-	-	-	-	-

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Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instigated
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (s.7)					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuita le or defective	3	3	-	1	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	3	-	1	-

PART V111 OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel, making	74	-	-	-	-	-
Making up of bed linen (eiderdowns etc).	2	-	-	-	-	-
Total	76	-	-	-	-	-

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